

Appl. No. 09/775,715
Reply dated October 11, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed April 9, 2004

REMARKS

The present application and its claims are directed to a document ranking system based on user behavior and a document searching system based on user behavior. Claims 1-32 were pending prior to this response and now Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-12 and 27-8 have been cancelled, Claims 7, 10, 13 and 20 have been amended and no claims have been added. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal with the filing fee on August 9, 2004 and this response is being filed within six months of the mailing date of the final office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that no extension of time request or extension fee is due.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview as well as several follow-up conversations with Applicant's Attorney.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the information disclosure statement submitted with this response.

REJECTIONS

Applicant understands that the Examiner has indicated his tentative approval of the claims set forth above based on the prior art cited by the Examiner in the final rejection as well as the prior art brought to Applicant's attention by the Examiner. In particular, the current claims are distinguishable from Shoham or any of the prior art brought to Applicant's attention by the Examiner. Furthermore, the current claims are not obvious in view of the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 7, 10, 13-26 and 29-32 are allowable over the prior art cited by the Examiner and early allowance of these claims and the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

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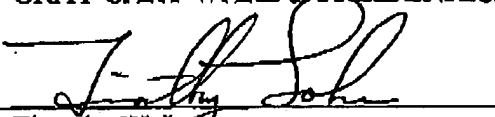
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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